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FOR WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY. LONG UNSIGNED -- AND UNDOUBTEDLY AUTHORITATIVE -- PRAVDA COMMENTARY JUNE 5 (COMMEMORATING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAST WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE) BRINGS THE SOVIETS RIGHT UP TO THE WATER'S EDGS OF EXPLICIT SUPPORT FOR A NEW CONFERENCE. COMMENTARY IS NOTA SOVIET COMMITMENT TO CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, IT LEAVES THEM ROOM FOR SECOND
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2. SOVIETS HAVE BEEN KEENLY INTERESTED IN A WORLD CONFERENCE FOR A LEAST A YEAR, BUT THEIR TACTIC HAS BEEN TO LET OTHER PARTIES DO THE DRUM-BEATING FOR THEM. WITH MOST OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTIES NOW ON RECORD AS FAVORING A CONFERENCE, THE CPSU, IN THE PRAVDA COMMENTARY, HAS NOW INCHED ITS OWN POSITION FORWARD. THE COMMENTARY STATES: "AT THE PRESENT TIME MANY FRATERNAL PARTIES ARE PROPOSING TAKING NEW MAJOR COLLECTIVE STEPS TO FURTHER CONSOLIDATE THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IDEOLOGICALLY AND POLITICALLY AND TO ELEVATE ITS ROLE IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD. THE CPSU IS READY TO SUPPORT APPROPRIATE CONCRETE INITIATIVES AND, TOGETHER WITH OTHER MARXIST-LENINIST PARTIES, TO TAKE PART IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION."

3. THE TWO FACTORS WHICH HAVE MOST AFFECTED THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT SINCE THE 1969 CONFERENCE- DETENTE AND THE EXACERBATION OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA- ARE MENTIONED BY PRAVDA. DETENTE GETS MORE STRESS, AND REFERENCES TO THE NEED TO MAKE IT IRREVERSIBLE TEND TO OVERSHADOW THE OBLIGATORY REFERENCES TO THE DANGERS POSED BY IMPERIALISM. THE ONE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CHINA SAYS THAT MAOISM HAS BECOME "AN OPEN ENEMY OF THE COMMUNIST AND NATIONAL-LIBERATION MOVEMENT" AND HAS COME OUT AGAINST DETENT "TOGETHER WITH THE MOST REACTIONARY FORCES."

4. THE CHINA ANGLE IS OTHERWISE DOWNPLAYED IN THE PRAVDA PIECE - AN INDICATION THAT THE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO MAKE THEIR IMPLICIT APPEAL FOR A CONFERENCE AS ECUMENICAL AS THEY CAN. IN THE SAME VEIN, PRAVDA OFFERS AN OLIVE BRANCH TO THE ROMANIANS AND OTHER MALCONTENTS WITH A STATEMENT THAT DIFFERING VIEWS DO NOT CLOSE THE DOOR TO UNITY ON THE MAIN ISSUE OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM - "PROVIDED THERE IS GOOD WILL IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THAT UNITY."

5. PRAVDA COMMENTARY PROVIDES FEW CLUES ABOUT TACTICS
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SOVIETS WILL NOW PURSUE TO GET A WORLD CONFERNCE OFF THE GROUND. GENERAL FEELING HAS BEEN THAT THEY WOULD FAVOR AN ALL-EUROPEAN COMMUNIST MEETING BEFORE THE WORLD CONFERENCE. THIS MAY STILL BE THEIR IDEA, DESPITE THE FOOT-DRAGGING THEY SEEM TO BE RUNNING INTO ON THE PART OF THE ROMANIANS AND OTHERS. PRAVDA AT ANY RATE SPOKE FAVORABLY (IF NON-SPECIFICALLY) OF REGIONAL MEETINGS, SAYING THEY STRENGTHEN THE MOVEMENT AS A

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